

Public Safety & Security Committee

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing you concerning Bill # HB5800 which I consider draconian and totally unreasonable. Connecticut already has one of the most restrictive gun laws in America but I still the existing laws reasonable. This proposed new registration bill is unreasonable and punitive, and targets the wrong sector of the population. It really makes no sense at all.

To be honest, we have 3 major problems in this state:

- 1) New Haven
- 2) Bridgeport
- 3) Hartford

These three locations are where the bulk of the shootings and violence occur so why come after the law-abiding gun owner or gun club member when we are not the problem? Do you really think that these urban thugs have any intention of registering their illegal firearms or turn in their high capacity clips when they could be easily purchased out of state?

This is an unreasonable, anti-Second Amendment bill – a feel good bill – that is a knee jerk reaction to the Tucson shootings, in my opinion. The anti-gun lobby was just waiting for this opportunity. Where was the outrage when Major Hassan killed twice the number of people at Fort Hood?

Therefore, I ask you to please decline/kill Bill # HB5800. This is an over-reaction to an incident that took place 2500 miles away. Connecticut is already over burdened with existing gun laws. Incidentally, my cousin just retired from the ATF and commented to me how restrictive our Connecticut gun laws are – he knows the gun laws of the entire country.

Gentlemen and Ladies, please do the right thing and kill this bill. You are going after the wrong people. I don't want Connecticut to be Germany 1932 where first it was registration followed by confiscation.

Sincerely,

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